

REMARKS

Claims 5-6, 8-10, 20-27, 32, 34-37 and 39-51 remain in the present application. The present amendment is submitted herewith to amend claim 45. This proposed change to claim 45 is merely editorial in nature and is being made to correct a typographical error.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview conducted on September 7, 2007. During the telephonic interview, the Applicant explained the proposed amendment enclosed herein. The Examiner indicated that she would enter the amendment made herein in order to correct the typographical error.

Claim 45 is amended to recite "...in a place where a distance between a ~~developer~~ supplying means the electrification member and the image ...". Support for the corrected recitation can be found in the specification on page 247 beginning on line 8.

Applicants respectfully submit that the proposed amendment to claim 45 raises no new issues, requires no new search by the Examiner, and requires no more than a cursory review by the Examiner. Further, this Amendment does not involve materially adding work on the part of the Office (e.g., checking excessive changes in the specification or claims). Accordingly, entry of this Amendment is earnestly solicited by Applicants.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisin (Reg. No. 52,327) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

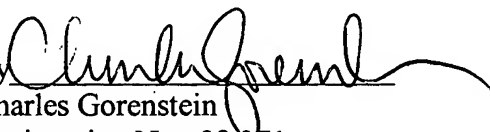
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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